

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete lines 1-8.

NE Line 9, change "rates, are erroneously evaluated. In" to --In a method for determining speech quality using an objective measure, in--.

Line 11, delete "On".

NE Line 12, change "the other hand," to --Additionally--.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels original claims 1-6 and adds new claims 7-14. The new claims do not add new matter to the application but do conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules.

The amendments to the specification, abstract and drawings are to conform the specification, abstract and drawings to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to the specification, abstract and drawings do not introduce new matter into the application.

The underlying PCT application includes a Search Report, a copy of which is included herewith.

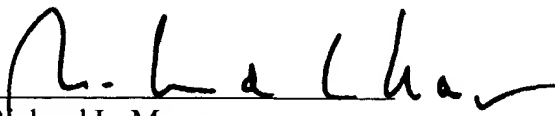
Conclusion

Consideration of the present application as amended is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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